

TO: Storm Recovery Alliance (SRA)
FROM: Stan Wilson, Neighborhood Development
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RE: Update – Tornado Recovery Activities

The following is an update regarding the ongoing tornado recovery work of the SRA. The Repair and Construction Subcommittee (Community Housing Solutions, Habitat for Humanity, Housing Consultants Group, East Greensboro Now and the City) are continuing with repair, new construction and property acquisition activities as follows:

I. Tornado Recovery Funding

- On December 17, 2019 City Council approved the budget amendment for the \$1,000,000 from the State of NC to continue our storm recovery efforts. The grant agreement has been executed and the funds will be used for home repairs, acquisitions, demolition and new construction activities. Senator Robinson and Councilmember Hightower worked very hard to bring these much needed funds to Greensboro.
- Congratulations to Community Housing Solutions for the award of a \$200,000 grant from Wells Fargo Foundation for tornado recovery. The grant funds will be used to acquire ten (10) properties to be redeveloped as single family homes and sold to eligible low-income homeowners.

II. Home Repairs

To date fifty seven (57) homes have been referred for repairs and forty eight (48) homes have been completed. Of the remaining 9 homes on the December repair list update, Community Housing Solutions is completing six (6) homes, Habitat two (2) and East Greensboro Now one (1).

We are excited that the home repairs for Ms. Marie Sims on English Street are now completed. Her story was recently featured by [WFMY News2](#). The City stepped in to make repairs after the family experienced challenges with the initial contractor.

III. New Construction & Acquisitions

To date we have twelve (12) homes planned for new construction and substantial rehabilitation in the tornado area. These homes will strengthen the neighborhood by creating more homeownership opportunities.

- a. Community Housing Solutions – 4 homes
- b. Habitat for Humanity – 6 homes, (includes 1 Llano Court)
- c. East Greensboro Now – 2 homes

The home at 1 Llano Court belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Harris was destroyed by the tornado. Habitat is building them a new home with additional support from Mount Zion Baptist Church of Greensboro. We anticipate their home being completed next month. Their story was also featured by [WFMY News 2](#).

Community Housing Solutions has partnered with the Guilford Technical Community College construction programs to build a new house at 1405 Lord Foxley Drive for affordable homeownership.

The Housing Consultants Group is working with Community Housing Solutions and Habitat to acquire additional properties. We will continue to update you on the progress and any new home events that are scheduled.